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Attorney General Darrell McGraw Awards Funding Statewide to Day Report Centers and Community Correction Programs from the Purdue Pharma Settlement Fun

Charleston - Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of fifty-thousand dollars to the Wayne County Commission for the operation of the Wayne County Community Correction Program to combat substance abuse. This money comes from the third installment in the ten-million dollar settlement with Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of the drug Oxycontin.

The Wayne County Community Correction Program serves approximately thirty-five clients. In 2006 the WCCCP saved Wayne County approximately three-hundred-seventy-thousand dollars in regional jail costs. Community service is mandatory for clients in the WCCCP. In 2006 through the work performed by clients of the WCCCP on county property, Wayne County saved approximately two-hundred-thirty-thousand dollars in building and ground maintenance costs.

Day report centers and community correction programs have been successfully used to save taxpayer dollars and to effectively treat substance abusers. They offer an array of treatment programs giving abusers the necessary guidance, structure and support to complete rehabilitation and re-enter society able to stand on their own two feet.

“The programs offered through the Day Report Centers and Community Correction Programs include individual counseling, group counseling, gambling abuse assessment, drug and alcohol education, drug testing, parenting education and basic adult education, and job placement. These programs address the specific needs of each individual client referred to the facility,” McGraw stated.

“Public service projects like day report centers and community correction programs give non-violent offenders, the opportunity to rehabilitate their lives and cuts the escalating cost to counties for the regional jails,” said McGraw.

Purdue Pharma settlement agreed to pay West Virginia ten-million dollars over four years. The bulk of the money including the one-million dollars from this year’s distribution has been used to operate the Day Report Centers and help communities fight the scourge of drug abuse that wrecks a community. This funding will serve more than twenty counties across West Virginia. The county commissions receiving funding for their day report centers and community correction programs are: Barbour, Cabell, Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Monongalia, Ohio (serving, Ohio, Marshall and Hancock Counties), Preston, Putnam, Randolph, The Redeem Foundation, Upshur (serving, Upshur and Lewis Counties), Wood and Wyoming.

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